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Security Council

10 a.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed) Programme of work Other matters	Consultations Room GA-ISC-02

Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of January 2012 (South Africa) will provide a briefing for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on the programme of work for the month, *today*, 4 January 2012, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

The President of the Security Council will also provide a briefing to the press on the programme of work for the month of January, *today*, 4 January 2012, at 12.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Delegations can view the press briefing from the United Nations Webcast <www.un.org/webcast>.

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Press conferences

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Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon — Press briefing by the Spokesperson

12.30 p.m. — H.E. Mr. Baso Sangqu (South Africa), President of the Security Council for the month of January (on the programme of work of the Council for the month)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

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Economic and Social Council

Organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold a meeting on Tuesday, 10 January 2012, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), to elect the President and other members of its Bureau for 2012. The Secretary-General will address the Council. The provisional annotated agenda for the organization session is contained in document E/2012/2.

United Nations Children's Fund

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The 2012 first regular session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place from Tuesday, 7, to Friday, 10 February 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2012/1. The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 30, and Tuesday, 31 January 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

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Advance documentation for the session is available on the following Web site: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_59924.html>. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to send their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (e-mail jpiccolominigeary@unicef.org; fax 1 (212) 326-7096), as early as possible, but no later than *Friday, 20 January 2012*.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

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The first regular session 2012 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 3 February 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2012/L.1.

Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (marcela.romero@undp.org), as early as possible, but no later than *Monday, 23 January 2012*.

The session will be preceded by an informal consultation on matters to be taken up at the first regular session of the Board, on Monday, 16 January 2012, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

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According to its decision 2006/14, the Board decided that, prior to the convening of the joint meeting, the new Bureau should be selected, and therefore there will be a formal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, on Monday, 9 January 2012, from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

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Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Working Group of the General Assembly on the Reform of the Human Rights Treaty Bodies" (under agenda item 124) (convened by the delegation of the Russian Federation)

Monday, 9 January 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB);

Thursday, 12 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB);

Monday, 16 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB); and

Thursday, 19 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of Friends United against Human Trafficking (at the expert level)

Tuesday, 10 January 2012, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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International expert group meeting on the theme "Combating violence against indigenous women and girls: Article 22 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division of Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Wednesday, 18, to Friday, 20 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[The meeting is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Talei Cama, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail cama@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1295 or 1 (917) 367-5100; fax 1 (917) 367-5102).]

Announcements

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Introduction to United Nations documentation (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 24 January 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Monday, 30 January 2012.

UNITAR Fellowship Programme at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (January–April 2012)

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies are pleased to invite delegates to the UNITAR Programme at the Yale School. The Programme is open to all members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information and application, please visit the following Web site: <www.unitar.org/ny/international-law-and-policy/fellowship-at-yale-Environmental-studies>. For additional queries, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (e-mail falls@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2012

Applications for the 2012 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from Monday, 9 July, to Friday, 17 August 2012, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 10 February 2012*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in French this year. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme Web site <www.un.org/law/ilfp>; or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Offices of the Security Council Secretariat Branch (room 08083, 730 Third Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets); tel. 1 (212) 963-5258).

Web site of the presidency

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Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

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Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Withdrawal of interpretative declaration: Mexico (3 January 2012)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Benin
H.E. Mr. Jean-Francis Régis Zinsou

Asia-Pacific States:
Malysia
H.E. Mr. Hussein Haniff

Eastern European States:
Slovenia
H.E. Ms. Sanja Štiglic

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Ecuador
H.E. Mr. Diego Morejón
Chargé d'affaires

Western European and other States:
Portugal
H.E. Mr. José Filipe Moraes Cabral

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<www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/>

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<www.un.org/ga/president>

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Department of Political Affairs
<www.un.org/depts/dpa>

Presidency of the Security Council
<www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>

Security Council
<www.un.org/Docs/sc/>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
<www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
<www.un.org/sc/1540/>

Department of Economic and Social Affairs
<www.un.org/en/development/desa/index.html>

Economic and Social Council
<www.un.org/en/ecosoc/>

Office for Disarmament Affairs
<www.un.org/disarmament/>

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<http://treaties.un.org/>

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<www.un.org/law/avl/>

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<www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp>

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<www.unmultimedia.org/tv/webcast/index.html>

Yearbook of the United Nations
<http://unyearbook.un.org>

UN Chronicle
<www.un.org/chronicle>

Documents issued at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 3 January 2012

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	Sixty-sixth session
A/66/591	Items 54 and 146 — Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects — Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations — Progress in the implementation of the global field support strategy — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *29 pages*
	Fifth Committee
A/C.5/66/L.18	Item 134 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 — Draft resolution submitted by the Chair following informal consultations — Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 [A C E F R S] — *17 pages*
A/C.5/66/L.19	Item 134 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 — Draft resolution submitted by the Chair of the Committee following informal consultations — Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 [A C E F R S] — *9 pages*

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2011/777	Report of the Secretary-General concerning the credentials of the representatives and deputies and alternate representatives of the members of the Security Council elected for the period 2012-2013 [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*
S/2011/792	Letter dated 20 December 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Eritrea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *12 pages*
S/2011/800	Letter dated 27 December 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

Economic and Social Council

	Documents
	Statistical Commission **Forty-third session**
E/CN.3/2012/18	Item 3 (o) of the provisional agenda — Items for discussion and decision: regional statistical development in Europe — Report of the Economic Commission for Europe on regional statistical development in Europe — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *13 pages*
E/CN.3/2012/31	Item 4 (l) of the provisional agenda — Items for information: global geospatial information management — Global geospatial information management — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *9 pages*
	Commission on the Status of Women **Fifty-sixth session**
E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1	Item 2 of the provisional agenda — Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters — Proposed organization of work [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*

Communications to the Editor

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South Sudan

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Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 255th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Thursday, 12 January 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). Delegations of Member States and Observers that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Surya Sinha (e-mail sinha1@un.org; room M-13052; fax 1 (212) 963-6430). The meeting will not be open to members of the press or the public. Delegations of Member States are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary of the Committee any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

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Commission for Social Development

Informal briefing

The Chair of the fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development, H.E. Mr. Jorge Valero (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela), will hold an informal briefing, for all interested delegations, on the programme of work of the fiftieth session of the Commission, on Monday, 16 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

Fiftieth session

The fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 10 February 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 1 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2012/1. Further information on the fiftieth and previous sessions of the Commission is available at the following address: <http://social.un.org/index/CommissionforSocialDevelopment/Sessions/2012.aspx>.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Radhika Padayachi, of the composition of their delegations (e-mail padayachi39@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4 (NLB), only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, by *Friday, 27 January 2012*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

General discussion and list of speakers

General discussion under agenda item 3 (a) (Priority theme: poverty eradication) will begin on Wednesday, 1 February 2012, following the opening of the session. For further details, please consult the programme of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2012/1.

The list of speakers will be opened on Monday, 16 January 2012. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Isabel Alejandrino accordingly (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*. Delegates are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

Comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission can be found at the following address: <http://social.un.org/index/CivilSociety/NGOParticipation/CSocD50Session.aspx>.

List of side events

To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the fiftieth session of the Commission, please click here.

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United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2012

Applications for the 2012 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from Monday, 9 July, to Friday, 17 August 2012, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 10 February 2012*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in French this year. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme Web site <www.un.org/law/ilfp>; or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

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[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Notification under article 6 (3): Qatar (3 January 2012)[1]

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Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Consent to be bound: Montenegro (30 December 2011)[1]

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Heavy Metals. Aarhus, 24 June 1998

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Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998

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General information

Chairs of the regional groups

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
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Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Programme of work

Since the issuance of the revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly (A/INF/66/3/Rev.1), the following changes have been made:

Agenda items 12 (Global road safety crisis), 34 (Prevention of armed conflict) and its sub-item (a) (Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution), 35 (Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development) and 39 (The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan), originally scheduled for Monday, 12 December 2011, will be considered at a later date in the resumed part, to be announced.

The specific meeting focused on development, to be held under agenda item 117 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit), pursuant to resolution 60/265, has been postponed from Friday, 18 November 2011, to a date in the resumed part, to be announced.

Additional scheduling of items or changes in the programme of work will be announced in the *Journal* and on the Web site of the General Assembly <www.un.org/en/ga/info/meetings/66schedule.shtml>, and will be reflected in revised versions of the note by the President of the General Assembly.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Monday, 9 January 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB): deterrence; use of force; and operational readiness and training; and

Thursday, 12 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB): safety and security; Joint Operations Centre (JOC)/Joint Mission Analysis Cells (JMAC); and crisis management.

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 255th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Thursday, 12 January 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). Delegations of Member States and Observers that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Surya Sinha (e-mail sinha1@un.org; room M-13052; fax 1 (212) 963-6430). The meeting will not be open to members of the press or the public. Delegations of Member States are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary of the Committee any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board
First regular session 2012

The first regular session 2012 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will be held from Tuesday, 24, to Wednesday, 25 January 2012, in Conference Room 2 (NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document UNW/2012/L.1*.

Documentation for the session is available on the Web site of the UN-Women <www.unwomen.org/about-us/governance/executive-board/>.

Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (rocio.torres@unwomen.org), as early as possible, but no later than *Friday, 20 January 2012*.

The election of the Bureau of the first regular session of the Executive Board of UN-Women will be held on Tuesday, 17 January 2012, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB). The election will be followed by an informal pre-session meeting on matters to be taken up by the Board, from 4 to 6 p.m.

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Disarmament Commission
Organizational session for 2012

The Disarmament Commission will hold its organizational session on Thursday, 19 March 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional agenda for the substantive session is contained in document A/CN.10/L.67. All Member States are invited to attend.

Economic and Social Council
Organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold a meeting on Tuesday, 10 January 2012, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), to elect the President and other members of its Bureau for 2012. The Secretary-General will address the Council. The provisional annotated agenda for the organization session is contained in document E/2012/2.

Commission for Social Development

Informal briefing

The Chair of the fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development, H.E. Mr. Jorge Valero (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela), will hold an informal briefing, for all interested delegations, on the programme of work of the fiftieth session of the Commission, on Monday, 16 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

Fiftieth session

The fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 10 February 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 1 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2012/1. Further information on the fiftieth and previous sessions of the Commission is available at the following address: <http://social.un.org/index/CommissionforSocialDevelopment/Sessions/2012.aspx>.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Radhika Padayachi, of the composition of their delegations (e-mail padayachi39@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4 (NLB), only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, by *Friday,*

27 January 2012, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

General discussion and list of speakers

General discussion under agenda item 3 (a) (Priority theme: poverty eradication) will begin on Wednesday, 1 February 2012, following the opening of the session. For further details, please consult the programme of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2012/1.

The list of speakers will be opened on Monday, 16 January 2012. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Isabel Alejandrino accordingly (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*. Delegates are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

Comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission can be found at the following address: <http://social.un.org/index/CivilSociety/NGOParticipation/CSocD50Session.aspx>.

List of side events

To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the fiftieth session of the Commission, please *click here*.

United Nations Children's Fund

First regular session 2012

The 2012 first regular session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place from Tuesday, 7, to Friday, 10 February 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2012/1. The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 30, and Tuesday, 31 January 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

The election of the officers of the Executive Board of UNICEF for 2012 will be held on Wednesday, 18 January 2012, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB). The election will be followed by an informal consultation on the thematic discussion on focus area 3 (HIV/AIDS and children), from 4 to 6 p.m.

The 2012 first regular session will be preceded by an informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the Executive Board on Friday, 27 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Advance documentation for the session is available on the following Web site: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_59924.html>. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to send their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (e-mail jpiccolominigeary@unicef.org; fax 1 (212) 326-7096), as early as possible, but no later than *Friday, 20 January 2012*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

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Friday, 13 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

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Wednesday, 11 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Arsi Hyvarinen, Permanent Mission of Finland (e-mail arsi.hyvarinen@formin.fi; tel. 1 (646) 763-6217).]

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11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. 1st meeting — Conference Room 5 (NLB)

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Informal briefing

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The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Monday, 9 January 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesperson

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General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Programme of work

Since the issuance of the revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly (A/INF/66/3/Rev.1), the following changes have been made:

Agenda items 12 (Global road safety crisis), 34 (Prevention of armed conflict) and its sub-item (a) (Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution), 35 (Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development) and 39 (The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan), originally scheduled for Monday, 12 December 2011, will be considered at a later date in the resumed part, to be announced.

The specific meeting focused on development, to be held under agenda item 117 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit), pursuant to resolution 60/265, has been postponed from Friday, 18 November 2011, to a date in the resumed part, to be announced.

Additional scheduling of items or changes in the programme of work will be announced in the *Journal* and on the Web site of the General Assembly <www.un.org/en/ga/info/meetings/66schedule.shtml>, and will be reflected in revised versions of the note by the President of the General Assembly.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, on Thursday, 12 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB), on safety and security; Joint Operations Centre (JOC)/Joint Mission Analysis Cells (JMAC); and crisis management.

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 255th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Thursday, 12 January 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). Delegations of Member States and Observers that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Surya Sinha (e-mail sinha1@un.org; room M-13052; fax 1 (212) 963-6430). The meeting will not be open to members of the press or the public. Delegations of Member States are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary of the Committee any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

Ad Hoc Working Group to further study and strengthen the smooth transition process for countries graduating from the least developed country category

The 1st meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group to further study and strengthen the smooth transition process for countries graduating from the least developed country category will take place on Monday, 16 January 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The provisional agenda is contained in document A/AC.279/2012/L.1[1].

[1] To be issued.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board
First regular session 2012

The first regular session 2012 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will be held from Tuesday, 24, to Wednesday, 25 January 2012, in Conference Room 2 (NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document UNW/2012/L.1*.

Documentation for the session is available on the Web site of the UN-Women <www.unwomen.org/about-us/governance/executive-board/>.

Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (rocio.torres@unwomen.org), as early as possible, but no later than *Friday, 20 January 2012*.

The election of the Bureau of the first regular session of the Executive Board of UN-Women will be held on Tuesday, 17 January 2012, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB). The election will be followed by an informal pre-session meeting on matters to be taken up by the Board, from 4 to 6 p.m.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 30, and Tuesday, 31 January 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Disarmament Commission

Organizational session for 2012

The Disarmament Commission will hold its organizational session on *Thursday, 19 January 2012*, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional agenda for the substantive session is contained in document A/CN.10/L.67. All Member States are invited to attend.

Economic and Social Council

Organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold a meeting on Tuesday, 10 January 2012, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), to elect the President and other members of its Bureau for 2012. The Secretary-General will address the Council. The provisional annotated agenda for the organization session is contained in document E/2012/2.

Commission for Social Development

Informal briefing

The Chair of the fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development, H.E. Mr. Jorge Valero (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela), will hold an informal briefing, for all interested delegations, on the programme of work of the fiftieth session of the Commission, on Monday, 16 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

Fiftieth session

The fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 10 February 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 1 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2012/1. Further information on the fiftieth and previous sessions of the Commission is available at the following address: <http://social.un.org/index/CommissionforSocialDevelopment/Sessions/2012.aspx>.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Radhika Padayachi, of the composition of their delegations (e-mail padayachi39@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4 (NLB), only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, by *Friday, 27 January 2012*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

General discussion and list of speakers

General discussion under agenda item 3 (a) (Priority theme: poverty eradication) will begin on Wednesday, 1 February 2012, following the opening of the session. For further details, please consult the programme of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2012/1.

The list of speakers will be opened on Monday, 16 January 2012. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Isabel Alejandrino accordingly (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*. Delegates are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

Comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission can be found at the following address: <http://social.un.org/index/CivilSociety/NGOParticipation/CSocD50Session.aspx>.

List of side events

To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the fiftieth session of the Commission, please *click here*.

United Nations Children's Fund

First regular session 2012

The 2012 first regular session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place from Tuesday, 7, to Friday, 10 February 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2012/1. The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 30, and Tuesday, 31 January 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

The election of the officers of the Executive Board of UNICEF for 2012 will be held on Wednesday, 18 January 2012, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB). The election will be followed by an informal consultation on the thematic discussion on focus area 3 (HIV/AIDS and children), from 4 to 6 p.m.

The 2012 first regular session will be preceded by an informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the Executive Board on Friday, 27 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Advance documentation for the session is available on the following Web site: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_59924.html>. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to send their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (e-mail jpiccolominigeary@unicef.org; fax 1 (212) 326-7096), as early as possible, but no later than *Friday, 20 January 2012*.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

First regular session 2012

The first regular session 2012 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 3 February 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2012/L.1.

Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (marcela.romero@undp.org), as early as possible, but no later than *Monday, 23 January 2012*.

The session will be preceded by an informal consultation on matters to be taken up at the first regular session of the Board, on Monday, 16 January 2012, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

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Monday, 16 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB); and

Thursday, 19 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of Friends United against Human Trafficking (at the expert level)

Tuesday, 10 January 2012, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

Group of 77 (ceremonial meeting to mark the formal handover of the chairmanship of the Group of 77 from Argentina to Algeria) (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 11 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 11 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Informal open-ended consultations with Member States convened by the Chair-designate of the upcoming Preparatory Committee for the 2012 Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

Friday, 13 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Panel discussion on "Regional organizations in mediation: Views on guidance for more effective mediation" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Finland and Turkey, on behalf of the Group of Friends of Mediation)

Wednesday, 11 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Arsi Hyvarinen, Permanent Mission of Finland (e-mail arsi.hyvarinen@formin.fi; tel. 1 (646) 763-6217).]

International expert group meeting on the theme "Combating violence against indigenous women and girls: Article 22 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division of Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Wednesday, 18, to Friday, 20 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[The meeting is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Talei Cama, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail cama@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1295 or 1 (917) 367-5100; fax 1 (917) 367-5102).]

Workshop on "The trade dimension of Rio+20: Unpacking the issues" (co-organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Economic Commission for Latin American and the Caribbean (ECLAC))

Thursday, 19 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

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Monday, 30 January 2012.

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3 p.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed) Children and armed conflict Other matters	Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

Economic and Social Council

Organizational session for 2012

3 p.m. — 1st meeting — Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

1. Opening of the session
2. Address by the Secretary-General
3. Election of the Bureau
4. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/2012/1 and E/2012/2)

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Tuesday, 10 January 2012

Group of Friends United against Human Trafficking (at the expert level)

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room B (NLB)

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Tuesday, 10 January 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon	Press briefing by the Spokesperson

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General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Programme of work

Since the issuance of the revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly (A/INF/66/3/Rev.1), the following changes have been made:

Agenda items 12 (Global road safety crisis), 34 (Prevention of armed conflict) and its sub-item (a) (Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution), 35 (Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development) and 39 (The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan), originally scheduled for Monday, 12 December 2011, will be considered at a later date in the resumed part, to be announced.

The specific meeting focused on development, to be held under agenda item 117 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit), pursuant to resolution 60/265, has been postponed from Friday, 18 November 2011, to a date in the resumed part, to be announced.

Additional scheduling of items or changes in the programme of work will be announced in the *Journal* and on the Web site of the General Assembly <www.un.org/en/ga/info/meetings/66schedule.shtml>, and will be reflected in revised versions of the note by the President of the General Assembly.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Thursday, 12 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB): on safety and security; Joint Operations Centre (JOC)/Joint Mission Analysis Cells (JMAC); and crisis management;

Tuesday, 17 January 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB): on concept of operations and troop deployment in the field; and triangular cooperation; and

Friday, 20 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB): on police; and criminal justice and corrections.

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 255th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Thursday, 12 January 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). Delegations of Member States and Observers that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Surya Sinha (e-mail sinha1@un.org; room M-13052; fax 1 (212) 963-6430). The meeting will not be open to members of the press or the public. Delegations of Member States are reminded that

while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary of the Committee any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

Ad Hoc Working Group to further study and strengthen the smooth transition process for countries graduating from the least developed country category

In accordance with General Assembly decision 66/553 of 22 December 2011, the 1st meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group to further study and strengthen the smooth transition process for countries graduating from the least developed country category will take place on Monday, 16 January 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The provisional agenda is contained in document A/AC.279/2012/L.1[1]. Background documentation for the Working Group is available on the Web site of the UN-OHRLLS <www.unohrlls.org/en/ldc/916/>.

[1]To be issued.

Disarmament Commission
Organizational session for 2012

The Disarmament Commission will hold its organizational session on Thursday, 19 January 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional agenda for the substantive session is contained in document A/CN.10/L.67. All Member States are invited to attend.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Meeting of States Parties
Thirtieth Meeting

The Thirtieth Meeting of States Parties will take place on Tuesday, 17 January 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The purpose of this extraordinary meeting is to conduct two by-elections to fill casual vacancies arising from the resignation of two members of the Human Rights Committee last year. The documents for the Meeting are CCPR/SP/76 and CCPR/SP/77. It is envisaged that the voting will proceed in two stages: the first vote will determine the candidate who will take over the mandate which expires on 31 December 2014; the second vote will determine which of the remaining candidates will take over the mandate which expires on 31 December 2012. For the list of candidates and other information, please visit the following Web site: <www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/elections30th.htm>.

Quorum

Pursuant to article 30, paragraph 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-thirds of the 167 States Parties to the Covenant, that is to say 112 States Parties. In order to avoid the meeting being substantially delayed or postponed for lack of a quorum, representatives of States Parties must be present at the scheduled time of the meeting.

Credentials

In accordance with Rule 2 of the Revised Rules of Procedures of the Meeting of the States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the Meeting. The credentials may be brought to the Meeting or sent in advance to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (c/o Mr. James Turpin, DC1-0504).

Additional meetings in 2012

States parties are informed that two further meetings of states parties will take place in 2012: a further by-election will be held at an extraordinary meeting, to be organized on a date to be determined in April or May, in order to fill the casual vacancy arising from the death of a member of the Human Rights Committee last month; the regular scheduled elections to replace those members of the Committee whose terms expire in December 2012 will be held at a meeting already scheduled to take place in September 2012.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board
First regular session 2012

The first regular session 2012 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will be held from Tuesday, 24, to Wednesday, 25 January 2012, in Conference Room 2 (NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document UNW/2012/L.1*.

Documentation for the session is available on the Web site of the UN-Women <www.unwomen.org/about-us/governance/executive-board/>.

Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), and requests to be inscribed on the list of speakers, to the secretariat of the Executive Board (rocio.torres@unwomen.org), as early as possible, but no later than *Friday, 20 January 2012*.

The election of the Bureau of the first regular session of the Executive Board of UN-Women will be held on Tuesday, 17 January 2012, from 3 to 4 p.m. in *Conference Room 4 (NLB)*. The election will be followed by an informal pre-session meeting on matters to be taken up by the Board, from 4 to 6 p.m.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 30, and Tuesday, 31 January 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development

Informal briefing

The Chair of the fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development, H.E. Mr. Jorge Valero (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela), will hold an informal briefing, for all interested delegations, on the programme of work of the fiftieth session of the Commission, on *Thursday, 19 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m.* in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

Fiftieth session

The fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 10 February 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 1 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2012/1. Further information on the fiftieth and previous sessions of the Commission is available at the following address: <http://social.un.org/index/CommissionforSocialDevelopment/Sessions/2012.aspx>.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Radhika Padayachi, of the composition of their delegations (e-mail padayachi39/*a*/un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4 (NLB), only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, by *Friday, 27 January 2012*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

General discussion and list of speakers

General discussion under agenda item 3 (a) (Priority theme: poverty eradication) will begin on Wednesday, 1 February 2012, following the opening of the session. For further details, please consult the programme of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2012/1.

The list of speakers will be opened on Monday, 16 January 2012. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Isabel Alejandrino accordingly (e-mail alejandrino/*a*/un.org).

Delegations are reminded that according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*. Delegates are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

Comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission can be found at the following address: <http://social.un.org/index/CivilSociety/NGOParticipation/CSocD50Session.aspx>.

List of side events

To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the fiftieth session of the Commission, please *click here*.

United Nations Children's Fund

First regular session 2012

The 2012 first regular session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place from Tuesday, 7, to Friday, 10 February 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2012/1. The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 30, and Tuesday, 31 January 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

The election of the officers of the Executive Board of UNICEF for 2012 will be held on Wednesday, 18 January 2012, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB). The election will be followed by an informal consultation on the thematic discussion on focus area 3 (HIV/AIDS and children), from 4 to 6 p.m.

The 2012 first regular session will be preceded by an informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the Executive Board on Friday, 27 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Advance documentation for the session is available on the following Web site: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_59924.html>. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to send their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (e-mail jpiccolominigeary@unicef.org; fax 1 (212) 326-7096), as early as possible, but no later than *Friday, 20 January 2012*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

First regular session 2012

The first regular session 2012 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 3 February 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2012/L.1.

Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (marcela.romero@undp.org), as early as possible, but no later than *Monday, 23 January 2012*.

The session will be preceded by an informal consultation on matters to be taken up at the first regular session of the Board, on Monday, 16 January 2012, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 30, and Tuesday, 31 January 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Working Group of the General Assembly on the Reform of the Human Rights Treaty Bodies" (under agenda item 124) (convened by the delegation of the Russian Federation)

Thursday, 12 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB);

Monday, 16 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB); and

Thursday, 19 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of 77 (ceremonial meeting to mark the formal handover of the chairmanship of the Group of 77 from Argentina to Algeria) (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 11 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 11 January 2012, from *4 to 6 p.m.* in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Friday, 13 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Informal open-ended consultations with Member States convened by the Chair-designate of the upcoming Preparatory Committee for the 2012 Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

Friday, 13 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Monday, 16 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Panel discussion on "Regional organizations in mediation: Views on guidance for more effective mediation" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Finland and Turkey, on behalf of the Group of Friends of Mediation)

Wednesday, 11 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Arsi Hyvarinen, Permanent Mission of Finland (e-mail arsi.hyvarinen@formin.fi; tel. 1 (646) 763-6217).]

Panel discussion on the "Role of Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in Counter-Terrorism" (organized by the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF), Department of Political Affairs)

Tuesday, 17 January 2012, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Karen L. Kennedy Mahmoud, CTITF Office (e-mail mahmoud11@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2496).]

International expert group meeting on the theme "Combating violence against indigenous women and girls: Article 22 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division of Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Wednesday, 18, to Friday, 20 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[The meeting is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Talei Cama, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail cama@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1295 or 1 (917) 367-5100; fax 1 (917) 367-5102).]

Workshop on "The trade dimension of Rio+20: Unpacking the issues" (co-organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Economic Commission for Latin American and the Caribbean (ECLAC))

Thursday, 19 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[The meeting is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For registration and further information, please visit <www.unctad.org/greeneconomy>; or contact UNCTAD (e-mail trade.environment@unctad.org).]

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Thursday, 24 January 2012.

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Monday, 30 January 2012.

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International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. New York, 20 December 2006

Signature: Thailand (9 January 2012)

Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Nagoya, 29 October 2010

Signature: Somalia (9 January 2012)

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

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H.E. Mr. Jean-Francis Régis Zinsou

Asia-Pacific States:
Malaysia
H.E. Mr. Hussein Haniff

Eastern European States:
Slovenia
H.E. Ms. Sanja Štiglic

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Ecuador
H.E. Mr. Diego Morejón
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Western European and other States:
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Second regular session of 2011

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Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

Wednesday, 11 January 2012

Security Council

10 a.m. — 6700th meeting — Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

   Report of the Secretary-General on the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (S/2011/814)

Morning[1] — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

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Other matters

3 p.m. — 6701st meeting — Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Somalia

   Letter dated 9 January 2012 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2012/19)

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 6700th meeting.

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Other meetings

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Wednesday, 11 January 2012

Group of 77 (ceremonial meeting to mark the formal handover of the chairmanship of the Group of 77 from Argentina to Algeria) (at the ambassadorial level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level)

4–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Other activities

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Wednesday, 11 January 2012

Panel discussion on "Regional organizations in mediation: Views on guidance for more effective mediation" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Finland and Turkey, on behalf of the Group of Friends of Mediation)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Arsi Hyvarinen, Permanent Mission of Finland (e-mail arsi.hyvarinen@formin.fi; tel. 1 (646) 763-6217).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Wednesday, 11 January 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon	Press briefing by the Spokesperson
12.30 p.m.	H.E. Mr. Mourad Medelci, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Algeria (on the presidency of the Group of 77; and on the political, economic and social situation in Algeria)

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

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Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Programme of work

Since the issuance of the revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly (A/INF/66/3/Rev.1), the following changes have been made:

Agenda items 12 (Global road safety crisis), 34 (Prevention of armed conflict) and its sub-item (a) (Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution), 35 (Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development) and 39 (The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan), originally scheduled for Monday, 12 December 2011, will be considered at a later date in the resumed part, to be announced.

The specific meeting focused on development, to be held under agenda item 117 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit), pursuant to resolution 60/265, has been postponed from Friday, 18 November 2011, to a date in the resumed part, to be announced.

Additional scheduling of items or changes in the programme of work will be announced in the *Journal* and on the Web site of the General Assembly <www.un.org/en/ga/info/meetings/66schedule.shtml>, and will be reflected in revised versions of the note by the President of the General Assembly.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Thursday, 12 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB): on safety and security; Joint Operations Centre (JOC)/Joint Mission Analysis Cells (JMAC); and crisis management;

Tuesday, 17 January 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB): on the concept of operations and troop deployment in the field; and triangular cooperation; and

Friday, 20 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB): on police; and criminal justice and corrections.

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 255th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Thursday, 12 January 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). Delegations of Member States and Observers that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Surya Sinha (e-mail sinha1@un.org; room M-13052; fax 1 (212) 963-6430). The meeting will not be open to members of the press or the public. Delegations of Member States are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary of the Committee any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

Ad Hoc Working Group to further study and strengthen the smooth transition process for countries graduating from the least developed country category

In accordance with General Assembly decision 66/553 of 22 December 2011, the 1st meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group to further study and strengthen the smooth transition process for countries graduating from the least developed country category will take place on Monday, 16 January 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The provisional agenda is contained in document A/AC.279/2012/L.1. Background documentation for the Working Group is available on the Web site of the UN-OHRLLS <www.unohrlls.org/en/ldc/916/>.

Disarmament Commission

Organizational session for 2012

The Disarmament Commission will hold its organizational session on Thursday, 19 January 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional agenda for the substantive session is contained in document A/CN.10/L.67. All Member States are invited to attend.

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

A letter from the Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), H.E. Mr. John Ashe, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda, and H.E. Mr. Kim Sook, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea, has been sent to all permanent representatives to the United Nations, transmitting the Co-Chairs' proposal for a zero draft of the outcome document of the Conference. The zero draft of the outcome document has also been posted on the Rio+20 Web site at <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. An initial round of consultations on the zero draft of the outcome document will be held from Wednesday, 25, to Friday, 27 January 2012, at the United Nations headquarters. A schedule of subsequent consultations is available on the Rio+20 Web site. As indicated in the letter from the Co-Chairs, delegations are requested to send their written proposals on sections I and II of the zero draft of the outcome document to the Rio+20 secretariat (e-mail tahtinen@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-4260), by *Monday, 23 January 2012*.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board
First regular session 2012

The first regular session 2012 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will be held from Tuesday, 24, to Wednesday, 25 January 2012, in Conference Room 2 (NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document UNW/2012/L.1*.

Documentation for the session is available on the Web site of the UN-Women <www.unwomen.org/about-us/governance/executive-board/>.

Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), and requests to be inscribed on the list of speakers, to the secretariat of the Executive Board (rocio.torres@unwomen.org), as early as possible, but no later than *Friday, 20 January 2012*.

The election of the Bureau of the first regular session of the Executive Board of UN-Women will be held on Tuesday, 17 January 2012, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The election will be followed by an informal pre-session meeting on matters to be taken up by the Board, from 4 to 6 p.m.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 30, and Tuesday, 31 January 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Meeting of States Parties

Thirtieth Meeting

The Thirtieth Meeting of States Parties will take place on Tuesday, 17 January 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The purpose of this extraordinary meeting is to conduct two by-elections to fill casual vacancies arising from the resignation of two members of the Human Rights Committee last year. The documents for the Meeting are CCPR/SP/76 and CCPR/SP/77. It is envisaged that the voting will proceed in two stages: the first vote will determine the candidate who will take over the mandate which expires on 31 December 2014; and the second vote will determine which of the remaining candidates will take over the mandate which expires on 31 December 2012. For the list of candidates and other information, please visit the following Web site: <www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/elections30th.htm>.

Quorum

Pursuant to article 30, paragraph 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-thirds of the 167 States Parties to the Covenant, that is to say 112 States Parties. In order to avoid the meeting being substantially delayed or postponed for lack of a quorum, representatives of States Parties must be present at the scheduled time of the meeting.

Credentials

In accordance with Rule 2 of the Revised Rules of Procedures of the Meeting of the States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the Meeting. The credentials may be brought to the Meeting or sent in advance to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (c/o Mr. James Turpin, DC1-0504).

Additional meetings in 2012

States parties are informed that two further meetings of states parties will take place in 2012: a further by-election will be held at an extraordinary meeting, to be organized on a date to be determined in April or May, in order to fill the casual vacancy arising from the death of a member of the Human Rights Committee last month; and the regular scheduled elections to replace those members of the Committee whose terms expire in December 2012 will be held at a meeting already scheduled to take place in September 2012.

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development

Informal briefing

The Chair of the fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development, H.E. Mr. Jorge Valero (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela), will hold an informal briefing, for all interested delegations, on the programme of work of the fiftieth session of the Commission, on Thursday, 19 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

Fiftieth session

The fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 10 February 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 1 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2012/1. Further information on the fiftieth and previous sessions of the Commission is available at the following address: <http://social.un.org/index/CommissionforSocialDevelopment/Sessions/2012.aspx>.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Radhika Padayachi, of the composition of their delegations (e-mail padayachi39@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4 (NLB), only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, by *Friday, 27 January 2012*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

General discussion and list of speakers

General discussion under agenda item 3 (a) (Priority theme: poverty eradication) will begin on Wednesday, 1 February 2012, following the opening of the session. For further details, please consult the programme of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2012/1.

The list of speakers will be opened on Monday, 16 January 2012. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Isabel Alejandrino accordingly (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*. Delegates are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

Comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission can be found at the following address: <http://social.un.org/index/CivilSociety/NGOParticipation/CSocD50Session.aspx>.

List of side events

To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the fiftieth session of the Commission, please *click here*.

United Nations Children's Fund

First regular session 2012

The 2012 first regular session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place from Tuesday, 7, to Friday, 10 February 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2012/1. The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 30, and Tuesday, 31 January 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

The election of the officers of the Executive Board of UNICEF for 2012 will be held on Wednesday, 18 January 2012, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB). The election will be followed by an informal consultation on the thematic discussion on focus area 3 (HIV/AIDS and children), from 4 to 6 p.m.

The 2012 first regular session will be preceded by an informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the Executive Board on Friday, 27 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Advance documentation for the session is available on the following Web site: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_59924.html>. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to send their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (e-mail jpiccolominigeary@unicef.org; fax 1 (212) 326-7096), as early as possible, but no later than *Friday, 20 January 2012*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

First regular session 2012

The first regular session 2012 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 3 February 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2012/L.1.

Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (marcela.romero@undp.org), as early as possible, but no later than *Monday, 23 January 2012*.

The session will be preceded by an informal consultation on matters to be taken up at the first regular session of the Board, on Monday, 16 January 2012, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 30, and Tuesday, 31 January 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Working Group of the General Assembly on the Reform of the Human Rights Treaty Bodies" (under agenda item 124) (convened by the delegation of the Russian Federation)

Monday, 16 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB); and

Thursday, 19 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Friday, 13 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Informal open-ended consultations with Member States convened by the Chair-designate of the upcoming Preparatory Committee for the 2012 Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

Friday, 13 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Monday, 16 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Panel discussion on the "Role of Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in Counter-Terrorism" (organized by the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF), Department of Political Affairs)

Tuesday, 17 January 2012, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Karen L. Kennedy Mahmoud, CTITF Office (e-mail mahmoud11@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2496).]

International expert group meeting on the theme "Combating violence against indigenous women and girls: Article 22 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division of Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Wednesday, 18, to Friday, 20 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[The meeting is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Talei Cama, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail cama@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1295 or 1 (917) 367-5100; fax 1 (917) 367-5102).]

Workshop on "The trade dimension of Rio+20: Unpacking the issues" (co-organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Economic Commission for Latin American and the Caribbean (ECLAC))

Thursday, 19 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[The meeting is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For registration and further information, please visit <www.unctad.org/greeneconomy>; or contact UNCTAD (e-mail trade.environment@unctad.org).]

Launch of the Web site of the Oral History Collection <www.unmultimedia.org/oralhistory/> (organized by the Dag Hammarskjöld Library)

Thursday, 19 January 2012, from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Reading Room (L-105).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Dag Hammarskjöld Library (Ms. Jackilyn Punsal (e-mail punsal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7428); or Ms. Nicoleta Voinea (e-mail voinean@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4708)).]

Announcements

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Introduction to United Nations documentation (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 24 January 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Monday, 30 January 2012.

United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2012

Applications for the 2012 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from Monday, 9 July, to Friday, 17 August 2012, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 10 February 2012*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in French this year. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme Web site <www.un.org/law/ilfp>; or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Security Council

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Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room SA-1B12).

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Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 10 January 2012

Economic and Social Council

Organizational session for 2012

1st meeting

Opening of the session

The outgoing President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Lazarous Kapambwe (Zambia), opened the session and made a statement.

Election of the Bureau [1]

Following a statement by the outgoing President, the Council elected, by acclamation, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec, Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the United Nations, as President of the Council for 2012.

A statement was made by the newly-elected President.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations addressed the Council.

The Council elected, by acclamation, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations (from the African States); H.E. Mr. Desra Percaya, Permanent Representative-Designate of Indonesia to the United Nations (from the Asia-Pacific States); and H.E. Mr. Juan Pablo De Laiglesia, Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations (from the Western European and other States), as its Vice-Presidents for 2012.

The President (Slovakia) informed the Council that the election of the Vice-President from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States would be held at a later date.

A statement was made by the representative of Nigeria.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [2]

The Council adopted its provisional agenda for the organizational session, as contained in document E/2012/2.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the President of the Council (Slovakia).

Other business

The President drew the lot for the seating arrangement of the Council for its 2012 session. As a result, the seating arrangements of the Council for 2012 would begin with Nigeria, followed by Pakistan and the remaining members of the Council for 2012 in English alphabetical order.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Nagoya, 29 October 2010

Signature: Jordan (10 January 2012)

Ratification: Jordan (10 January 2012)[1]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, Oslo, 18 September 1997

Accession: Finland (9 January 2012)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Benin
H.E. Mr. Jean-Francis Régis Zinsou

Asia-Pacific States:
Malaysia
H.E. Mr. Hussein Haniff

Eastern European States:
Slovenia
H.E. Ms. Sanja Štiglic

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Ecuador
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